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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM MALIAN PRESIDENT TRAORE

1. FYI. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT WAS RECEIVED VIA COMMERCIAL CABLE BY WHITE HOUSE. QUOTE. THE CEREMONIES CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AFFORD ME THE HAPPY OPPORTUNITY TO SEND YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI, AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS.

AS THE UNITED STATES ENTERS ITS THIRD CENTURY OF EXISTENCE AS A NATION, IT FINDS ITSELF ON THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW ERA WHICH WILL BE ONE OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES. I HAVE EVERY HOPE THAT YOUR COUNTRY WILL USE ALL ITS POWER AND CREATIVE GENIUS TO FURTHER WORLD PEACE AND HUMAN DIGNITY AND GREATNESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SACRED VOWS OF THOSE WHO FOUNDED YOUR NATION. I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS HISTORICAL OCCASION TO REITERATE MY DESIRE TO SEE EVEN FURTHER STRENGTHEN-
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ING OF THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH EXIST

BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE INTEREST OF OUR TWO
PEOPLES.

I EXTEND TO YOU MY SINCERE WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HAPPI-
NESS AND FOR THE PROSPERITY OF THE GREAT AMERICAN NATION.
VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. COLONEL MOUSSA TRAORE. UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT: QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:
ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU
FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THIS COM-
MEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S
INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDI-
CATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY,
EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTICI-
PATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES
WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO.

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